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Remarks

Consistent with suggestions from the Examiner, Applicant has inserted limitations of claim 2 into its independent claim 1 and limits of claim 15 into its independent claim 14. Claims 2 and 15 have been cancelled and claims 1, 3, 6, 13, 14, 16, 17 and 25 amended.

Applicant has emphasized the specific fastening elements in amended claims 1 and 14 and slightly modified line 7 of claim 1.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 112

Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 15 and 25 consistent with the Examiner's suggestions. All the claims remaining should clearly conform to 35 U.S.C. 112.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Applicant has amended claims consistent with Examiner's paragraphs 10 and 11 to provide amended claims that are allowable over all cited art as stated by the Examiner in the previous mentioned paragraphs.

Allowable claims as set forth in Examiner's paragraphs 9-11

Applicant has conformed to Examiner's suggested changes to provide allowability according to Examiner's paragraphs 10 and 11.


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Summary

Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that claims 1, 3-14 and 16-25 are neither anticipated nor obvious and are allowable over Stafford, Gallo, Dunlop and Stapleton taken either alone or in any combination.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 3-14 and 16-25 are in condition for allowance, and applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allow those claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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